

REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated March 8, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants elect for continued prosecution of the Group I claims (i.e., Claims 1-4 and 10-16) drawn to a method for accessing a protected (encrypted) file from memory. Thus, Applicants request examination of Claims 1-4 and 10-16.

Additionally, Applicants traverse the restriction requirement with respect to claims 5-9 in Group II. The claims of the elected Group I (i.e., Claims 1-8) as the Examiner correctly states are drawn to "a *method of accessing a protected (encrypted) file from memory.*" The Examiner asserts that the claims of Group II (i.e., claims 5-9) are drawn to "a *method of storing and creating a database of digital content.*" As an initial matter, the word "database" is never used in claims 5-9. The Applicants note that both Group I and Group II claims refer to a table which a particular format of file is often used in relational databases. Further, any collection of files which are searchable can be a database.¹ Moreover, both claims of both Group I and Group II are directed to "*creating a table which serves as a index of storage locations of electronic content.*" The file, such as a table, does not require the sub-combination of a "file" or a "table" as claimed for

¹ From online URL webopedia.com (Emphasis Added). A database is "Often abbreviated DB. A collection of information organized in such a way that a computer program can quickly select desired pieces of data. You can think of a database as an electronic filing system. Traditional databases are organized by fields, records, and files. A field is a single piece of information; a record is one complete set of fields; and a file is a collection of records. For example, a telephone book is analogous to a file. It contains a list of records, each of which consists of three fields: name, address, and telephone number."TM

patentability and in both Groups I and II the "file" and "table" have the identical utility i.e., serves as a index of storage to electronic digital content within the meaning of MPEP §806.05(c). In the case of the claims in Group I, this index for storing content is in a file, whereas in the case of the claims in Group II, the index for storing content is a table. A "file" is a more generalized term for describing data stored with a name whereas a table is a file that has row and column structure.² Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement with respect to claims 5-9, and modification of the restriction requirement to include these claims in the elected Group I.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to direct future correspondence regarding this application to the undersigned attorney at the address below.

² From online URL webopedia.com (emphasis added) A table refers "to data arranged in rows and columns". A spreadsheet, for example, is a table. In relational database management systems, all information is stored in the form of tables."

PLEASE CALL the undersigned attorney at (561) 989-9811 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would help advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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